

TO: All DOC Employees

FROM: Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke

The holiday season has always been the time for Americans to make a special effort to help those in need. As all of you know, these are tough times for many families in our region and across the country. Contributing to the Combined Federal Campaign (Campaign) is one way that we as Federal employees can help those less fortunate.

If you have already made a donation or pledged your support, thank you. If you haven't, please consider joining us. Your designated key worker has information about the Campaign and the more than 4,000 charities that it supports.

Please visit the Department's Campaign Web site—<http://www.census.gov/cfc>—to learn more. New videos show highlights of last month's rally. You can hear your coworkers talk about the very personal ways the Campaign affects us, our families, our region, and the causes important to us. The Campaign Web site also links to online giving.

We are making great progress towards our fundraising goal of nearly \$4 million, but we need your help to put us over the top. So please consider making a pledge or a donation to the Campaign.

Thank you all, and happy holidays.

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